

The Swaminarayan

EDUCATION IS THAT WHICH LIBERATES

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for next week

The theme for next week is “**You are special**”. I have written about it on the reverse of the newsletter.

Important GCSE, AS and A Level Reforms – Postcard 5

This postcard examines the National Reference Tests which are being introduced in 2017 to provide additional information to support the awarding of GCSEs. I have **published it at the back of The Swaminarayan**.

Half-term Next week

Next week is the first half-term holiday for the whole school. Pupils and staff return to school as normal on Monday, 2nd November 2015.

Diwali and Annakut Holiday –Early Reminder

The school will be closed from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th November for the Diwali Festival. The school will, of course, be well represented in the marquee in the Shayona Car Park on Thursday, 12th November 2015. We look forward to meeting all of you there.

Anti-bullying Workshops – Mrs. Alexander writes...



As part of PSHCE, Seniors 1 to 4 prepared anti-bullying workshops for our Prep school students. Bullying is a serious issue from which no school is exempt. After 5 weeks of preparation and a talk on cyberbullying from a Met Police officer, our students were ready to deliver their workshops which comprised PowerPoint, videos, role plays and various interactive activities.

It is clear from their behaviour and written feedback that Years 3 to 6 thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They particularly liked the interactive aspect of the workshops and were very complimentary about the work of our students, rating most workshops 9 out of 10 or above. Some felt it would have been even better if they had had more time and even more interactive activities. Senior students' feedback showed that they too enjoyed the experience, so much so that 93% want to do it again. They were very astute in their analysis of what went well and not so well. Some felt they were well prepared whilst others thought they could have been

more organised. Yet their feedback can be summed up by this comment: “we learnt something whilst at the same time we had fun”

All House Tutors felt it was a worthwhile exercise, one which we would definitely like to repeat. Thank you to Mr. Wildman for working in collaboration with me. Thank you to the Prep school pupils for their enthusiastic participation. Thank you to the House Tutors without whom none of this would have been possible. The biggest Thank You must go to You, Seniors 1 to 4 for embracing this challenge with such enthusiasm and delivering well thought-out workshops. I am certainly very proud of your achievement. Well done! Now all that remains to be said is: remember what you have learnt about bullying throughout this process and put it into practice. Bullying can have devastating consequences...so think twice!



You are special

Think

This week I want to speak to you about how special you are. Ask your parents how they felt when you were born and more often than not you will learn that it was a very special time for them. Your first smile, your first word, your first step; they will have all been very special moments for them. Over the many years you have lived they will have treated you with special care. They have fed you, bathed you, dressed you, played with you, taken you on holidays, bought you many things you will have wanted and shared many moments with you that you will remember as special.

Feel

Believe me when I tell you that you are the most special person in the world and there is nobody else like you. God has given you your own special gifts and you have the capacity to achieve special things and create a very special life for yourself. The only thing left for you to do is to find your own special things.

Do

As you grow up, learn what you are good at and what you can do better than other people around you. Write them down in a little book that you keep by your side, and somewhere, in all the good things you will write, lies your own special answers for what you should do with your own special life that only you can create. Make each day special; try and learn something new every day and one day when you are older, you will find your own special answers for life. Don't ever let anyone make you feel or think differently.

Shared Transport

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May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their efforts during, what has been, an extremely busy half-term.

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Internal Examinations – Seniors 1-5 from 16th to 20th November 2015 – Mr. Cotton writes...

These exams will serve as MOCK EXAMS for GCSE / IGCSE as appropriate for S5 and S4.

If there is a slot where there are no exams, then this should be used for Revision and in normal circumstances this should still be done as indicated in the Exam Room.

We have tried to fit these exams into one week, while avoiding any clashes of exams. If this should occur in the unlikely event then please inform an appropriate teacher and we will endeavour to accommodate this suitably! For further information and details / queries you should consult the Subject teacher concerned, Your House-Tutor, The Exams Officer (as required).

<u>Day/ time</u>	<u>S1</u>	<u>S2</u>	<u>S3</u>	<u>S4</u>	<u>S5</u>
<u>Mon.</u> P1-2		Period 1 S2y Period 2 S2p Drama Studio			English Lang.
P 3-4	Geography	Biology	Chemistry	English	Maths 1
P 5-6	Chemistry	English	Geography/History	Biology	Geog. 1+2 /Hist. 1
<u>Tue.</u> P 1-2	History	Geography	Biology	Geography/History	Eng. Lit.
P 3-4	Physics	French	Maths 1 Non Calculator	Chemistry	Physics 1
P 5-6	Biology	Gujarati	French	Maths 1 Non Calc	Biology 1
<u>Wed.</u> P 1-2	English	Physics	Physics	IT	Chemistry 1
P 3-4	Period 5 S1Y Period 6 S1P Drama Studio	IT	English	Art/Drama/PE	BS
P 5-6	French	History	Maths 2 Calculator	Maths 2 Calc	Maths 2
<u>Thur.</u> P 1-2	Gujarati	RS	Gujarati	Physics	Physics 2 Chemistry 2
P 3-4	Art S1P	Chemistry	Drama/Art/PE	French	French
P 5-6	Art S1Y	Maths	IT	Gujarati	Biology 2 French 2
<u>Fri.</u> P 1-2	RS	Art	RS	RS	Art /Drama
P 3-4	IT			Economics	Art/Drama/PE
P 5-6	Maths				Art/Drama

S5 Gujarati, RS and History 2 to be done as arranged with subject teacher directly.